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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN DEFENSE COMMISSION VISIT

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1. DEFENSE REVIEW COMMISSION SECRETARY ERIK HIMLE CONTACTED ME MARCH 2 TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM FOR COMMISSION'S VISIT TO U.S. HIMLE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT JUNE IS A BUSY MONTH FOR DEFENSE OFFICIALS WITH NPC MEETING JUNE 17-18 AND OTHER MEETINGS EARLIER. IN VIEW OF THIS HE SAID COMMISSION COULD BE FLEXIBLE AND ADJUST ITS ITINERARY TO ARRIVE IN U.S. IN LATE JUNE IF THAT WAS MORE CONVENIENT FOR U.S. OFFICIALS.

2. HIMLE ALSO SAID COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN ITS U.S. PROGRAM A VISIT TO SEE ONE OF THE BETTER U.S. NATIONAL GUARD UNITS. ADDITIONALLY, IF U.S. HAD CONDUCTED ANY WAR GAMING ON NORTH ATLANTIC, COMMISSION WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING ABOUT IT. HE MENTIONED ALSO THAT COMMISSION WOULD PLAN TO INCLUDE NORWEGIAN NAVAL ATTACHE ADMIRAL PETTERSEN IN ITS PARTY DURING U.S. TOUR.

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3. I WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN
TO SPEED UP DECISION TO EXTEND INVITATION TO COMMISSION
TO VISIT U.S. I WILL BE SEEING HIMLE AGAIN MARCH 8
AND WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO BE ABLE TO LET HIM KNOW
THEN THAT COMMISSION HAS INVITATION TO U.S.
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